

QUIET AT
PORTSMOUTHWaiting on Governments at
Home.

MEYER SUBMITS REPORT

Result of His Three Hour Conference
With Czar Forwarded to the
President at Oyster
Bay.

Portsmouth, August 24.—With no session of the peace conference today while awaiting instructions from St. Petersburg, the Russian plenipotentiaries have taken advantage of an opportunity for rest. Soon after breakfast, M. Witte and Baron Rosen started for an automobile ride to Magnolia, where they are to have luncheon with Baroness Rosen. They expect to return for dinner to-night. The Japanese envoys have no plans for the day beyond putting on finishing touches to some of their work. Tomorrow they expect to go to Manchester, N. H., to visit some mill and manufacturing establishments which Baron Komura desires to see. The secretaries of the Japanese have arranged a visit to York beach this afternoon. It is a quiet day around both headquarters.

A Dramatic Moment.

At the conclusion of the conference yesterday afternoon the Japanese made the compromise proposition of President Roosevelt. Baron Komura, in a few words, explained that Japan in her great desire for peace was ready to make certain "modifications" of the original articles in the hope that Russia could find it possible to accept them. He then presented in writing to M. Witte the compromise proposition which President Roosevelt had suggested. It was concrete and specific and it followed the lines outlined in these despatches. It offered to withdraw article 9, providing for the payment by Russia of Japan's bill for the costs of war, on conditions that Russia would accept article 5, which provides for the cession of Sakhalin, so modified as to include an arrangement for the repurchase by Russia of the northern half of the island for 1,200,000,000 yen. In addition it offered to withdraw entirely articles 11 and 12 (surrender of the interned warships and limitation upon Russia's sea power in the Far East).

Without a moment's hesitation, M. Witte explained that the modification proposed was merely a sham; a change of phraseology, a diplomatic attempt to "dorer la pilule" and ask Russia to pay war tribute under another name. He could not accept it. He told Baron Komura Russia wanted peace. She had given the proofs in accepting every article involving the issues upon which the war was fought, but she could fight and money for tribute she would not pay—not a kopeck. He asked Baron Komura to withdraw all demands for tribute. And so the plenipotentiaries separated, to meet again on Saturday, ostensibly to permit M. Witte to place in writing as the rules of the conference require his reply to the Japanese compromise proposition. In reality, the adjournment over the two days was to give each side an opportunity to consult its government for the last time.

AMBASSADOR MEYER REPORTS.

Result of Conference With Czar in President's Hands.
Washington, Aug. 24.—Ambassador Meyer's report of his three-hour conference with the Czar at Peterhof yesterday afternoon was forwarded direct to President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay and is now in his hands. This statement was authorized at the state department today. Meyer has been acting under instructions direct from the President in his manipulation of the St. Petersburg end of present efforts to bring about peace at the Portsmouth conference.

ADJOURNMENT AUGURS WELL.

Oyster Bay Opinion That Something May Be Done.
Oyster Bay, August 24.—The report received from Assistant Secretary of State Pierce at Portsmouth that the peace plenipotentiaries had adjourned their sittings until next Saturday was a source of satisfaction. It is a distinct assurance that efforts are being made, with increasing prospect of ultimate success to compromise on the crucial points of difference among the conferees. It is regarded as certain that every hour gained in the time of the conference makes for a peaceful solution of the differences.

Thus far the president has gained his points; one after another. It was due to his efforts that the conference did not break up finally last week, and his further important suggestions prevented a final dissolution of the conference on Monday. Now he has carried his appeal, too, which can be said to have the positive support of the great neutral powers.

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

St. Petersburg Says That Peace Situation Is Improving.

St. Petersburg, August 24.—The foreign office announces that the peace situation is improving and that the outlook is brighter, but that all the difficulties affecting a satisfactory adjustment of the differences have not yet been overcome. Ambassador Meyer is making daily visits to Peterhof to con-

sult the Czar. It is presumed that these calls have an important bearing upon the negotiations. The reactionary press continues its jingo utterances. They now take the stand that the United States gave an impetus to the peace movement because it was feared that if the war continued Japan would not be able to pay her creditors.

STABBED IN NECK
BY COMPANIONYoung Lad Victim of Murderous At-
tack Near Rutland Last Even-
ning — Robbed of
\$9.50.

Rutland, August 24.—While his comrade, Francesco Montegno, aged 16, lay sleeping by the roadside, Vincenzo Marsalo, aged 20, yesterday ran a murderous looking knife three inches into his neck and robbed him of \$9.50 which was his pay for a month as a section hand on the Rutland railroad. Both had been employed on the same section gang and were walking along the road from this city to Clarendon which they had nearly reached, when with the fiendish purpose the man suggested to the boy that they lay down and sleep.

It appeared that under various pretenses the man had kept the boy awake all the previous night so as to make him sleepy. The boy being very tired and on the verge of exhaustion from his long vigil, was glad to comply with his older companion's request and in less than a minute had fallen into a sound sleep.

Vincenzo had evidently prepared his scheme thoroughly and as it has since been learned, had been seen by some of the Italian laborers sharpening the jack-knife which is of the kind that is carried by the laborers. Stealthily creeping up on the lad he sank the instrument into the back of his neck, cutting several cords. Before the boy had awakened into a condition of semi-consciousness the man had taken the money. The sight of the blood must have, however, frightened him, and drawing a handkerchief from his pocket, he wound it around the boy's neck and left him. He has not been seen since.

A passerby heard the boy's groans and brought him to this city, where the gas was sewed. Physicians said that had the knife gone a half inch farther the wound would have proved fatal.

Marsalo thought to have gone to East Wallingford, where he has a friend. Officers are now said to be on his trail and will probably be captured early today. Feeling runs high in the Italian quarters here and threats have been made against the assailant's life.

BLOCKING CUPID.

Relatives Prevent Wealthy Old Man
From Marrying.

Bennington, August 24.—A curious case developed yesterday on the principal street of the village, it being an attempt to prevent Columbus Huling of North Bennington seeing Thomas W. Moloney of Rutland, whom Mr. Huling had engaged as counsel in an effort to secure the right to get married. The interview was held up by S. B. Hall, guardian for Mr. Huling, and W. B. Sheldon, acting as attorney.

Mr. Huling, who is reputed to be worth over \$200,000 and who is 81 years old, was to be married a few days ago to Miss Jennie Bissell of North Bennington, a girl young enough to be his granddaughter. When the other members of the family heard of it, application was made to the probate court for the appointment of a guardian on the ground that Mr. Huling, through advancing years, has become mentally incapacitated to look after his own affairs. It is stated that the old gentleman waived his right to a 12 days' notice and Mr. Hall was appointed guardian and a caretaker was hired to take care of Mr. Huling.

Consequently the proposed wedding did not take place as had been planned, but Mr. Huling, who wished to find out his rights in such a matter, made an appointment with Lawyer Moloney to meet him at the office of Batchelder & Bates yesterday morning. Mr. Huling came over from North Bennington to keep the appointment but was stopped by Mr. Hall and Attorney Sheldon and not allowed to meet Mr. Moloney except in their presence. A lengthy controversy ensued which ended in the interview being given up temporarily.

ATTEMPT AT CHLOROFORMING.

Two Women Were Assaulted by Un-
known Man in Rutland.

Rutland, Aug. 24.—The statement in the morning papers of an attempt made to chloroform a woman on Main street in this city last night by an unknown man was brought to light this morning. That but a few minutes before an attempt to drug and withering earshot of the place Miss Hannah Kent was assaulted near ex-Mayor Temple's house, the man grabbed her throat. The girl succeeded in getting away from her assailant and struck him a stinging blow. The police made every effort to keep secret the name of the woman to whose nose was put the sponge saturated with chloroform, but it leaked out this morning that it was Miss Harriet L. Harris, daughter of Mrs. Joel B. Harris, a prominent society woman. Miss Harris managed to escape the man after a great struggle. Neither women had valuables and the motives for the assault can only be imagined.

A CENTURY OLD.

Rev. Leonard Dolph of Brandon in Fairly
Good Health.

Brandon, Aug. 23.—The Rev. Leonard Dolph, who resides with his daughter, Mrs. Marie Williams, south of the village, celebrated his 100th birthday yesterday. Many people from here including the members of C. J. Orin's Post, called during the day to extend their congratulations to the aged veteran, who has reached the century mark and is still in fairly good health.

SURRENDERED
BY BONDSMENWalter Waterman On Trial
For Child's Death.

EVIDENCE WAS DAMAGING

Adjourned Hearing Resumed Yesterday
—Waterman Has Lost Two Wives
and Three Children in Short
Space of Time.

St. Johnsbury, August 24.—The adjourned hearing of Walter Waterman, who is charged with murdering his 3-year-old daughter, Lilla, by giving her a dose of oil of wintergreen, was resumed yesterday. Waterman, who has been held in jail of \$5,000, was surrendered yesterday by his bondsmen, and the evidence presented at the hearing by witnesses for the prosecution was of a damaging character.

In a short space of time Waterman lost two wives and three children, including Lilla, for whose death he is now standing trial, and this aroused suspicion, the second wife dying only a short time previous to Lilla.

Mrs. McLean of Lyndon, who cared for Waterman's second wife in her illness, preceding her suspicious death, testified that Waterman tried to give his wife poison, claiming it would help her heart trouble. Mrs. McLean stated that Waterman told his wife he had given the stuff to others and knew it would help her. Mrs. McLean said she thought Mrs. Waterman was poisoned.

Dr. J. M. Allen, who made the autopsy of the child's body, said symptoms of poisoning were shown. Dr. Allen said that if the testimony regarding the administering of oil of wintergreen was true the cause of the child's death was poisoning.

Dr. B. H. Stone, the state pathologist who examined the internal organs of the child, testified that the spinal cord was normal, and that death was not due to meningitis. He said the kidneys were badly diseased, showing traces of acute nephritis, which in indicative of poison by salicylic acid.

Waterman has been unable to obtain new bondsmen, and is in custody.

HOPE YOUNG'S FATE.

For Murder, She Must Be Hanged by
The Neck.

Digby, N. S., August 24.—The trial of Hope Young for the murder of Minnie Ward Young, was concluded last night, and the woman was sentenced to death.

The jury, after a half hour's deliberation returned with a verdict of "guilty," with a recommendation to mercy. The judge then discharged the jury and told the witnesses that they would not be further required. The spectators were then ordered from the court room and the judge proceeded to pass the sentence of death. The prisoner was pale, but perfectly calm, stood up and when asked if she had anything to say, replied, not guilty. The judge then said:

"The jury having found you, Hope Young, guilty of murder, you shall be taken back to the jail whence you came, and kept there until Wednesday, the 20th day of December next, and between the hours of 4 and 12 noon, you shall be hanged by the neck until dead, and may God have mercy on your soul."

When the condemned woman caught the words of the death sentence, her face flushed and she appeared to weaken, but for a moment only. As the sheriff escorted her from the court she had again assumed her normal condition, and was quite cool. On the way back to her cell she asked for the daily papers so that she could read the proceedings.

As her counsel and the sheriff left her she exclaimed in a loud voice: "I am as innocent as you are of the crime for which I have been condemned to death."

Everything was removed from her cell for fear that she might do herself bodily harm.

IN THREE FEET OF WATER.

Body of Bennington Farmer Was Found
Yesterday Afternoon.

Bennington, August 24.—John Biggart, a farmer, 60 years old, was drowned at Sodun near North Bennington yesterday afternoon. He owned land on an island in the Walloomsac river and had been having there yesterday. His nephew missed him late in the afternoon, searched at the home of neighbors but not finding him went down to the river bank and saw the body in three feet of water.

The face was badly bruised, there being one bad bruise near the temple. It is thought he started back from the island and the horse stumbled down the steep bank throwing the rider and injuring him so badly that he was unable to help himself. He leaves no family.

TWENTY-THREE KILLED.

In Railroad Accident on Siberian Rail-
way Today.

St. Petersburg, August 24.—A railway accident which occurred today at the Youtta station of the Siberian railway, resulted in the death of 23 men and serious injury to fifty. Twenty-three privates and one guard were killed outright and one officer and 47 privates were injured.

AUTO AND CAR
IN COLLISIONFormer Smashed to Bits and
Four People Hurt

ON A NEW YORK STREET

Car Was Going 30 Miles an Hour When
It Struck the Machine, Which
Was Trying to Cross
the Track.

New York, Aug. 24.—Two women and two men were seriously injured in an accident early this morning, when their automobile collided with a trolley car of the Flatbush Avenue and King's Highway line. The injured were taken to the hospital where it was found that one man was internally injured and an other had lacerations. One of the women had concussion of the brain and the other a fractured collar bone.

The auto was crossing the track when the car running thirty miles an hour, struck it. The machine was smashed to bits and the occupants were thrown in all directions.

BAIL OF \$5,000.

Alleged Berlin Defaulter Has Obtained
Bondsmen.

Berlin, N. H., August 24.—Winborn A. Boothby, former city treasurer and city clerk of this city, held on the charges of falsifying the city's accounts and embezzlement, obtained bail yesterday in the sum of \$5,000. The bail at the arraignment of Boothby a week ago yesterday had been placed at \$15,000, but was reduced.

At the hearing a week ago, Boothby was bound over to the superior court on the charges of falsifying the city's books and embezzlement. On the former charge he was ordered to furnish bonds of \$10,000 and on the latter \$5,000.

Boothby, when taken into court last week, was in a weakened condition as a result of taking a dose of morphine in attempting to commit suicide while the expert accountant was working on his books. Because of his illness he was not taken to jail after his arraignment, but allowed to remain at his home under the care of a keeper until bail was furnished.

PECKHAM ARRESTED.

In Connection With the Cotton Scandal
—Couldn't Get Bail.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Frederick A. Peckham, indicted for complicity in the department of agriculture cotton reports scandal, was arrested here yesterday and arraigned before United States Commissioner Charles M. Davidson, who ordered an adjournment of examination till today. In default of \$12,000 bail Peckham was lodged in jail.

The adjournment was taken to permit the attendance of United States District Attorney G. E. Curtis of Binghamton. The defendant has retained County Judge Rockwood as counsel.

MAY GO TO MONTPELIER.

Gov. Bell Asks for Hall and Rates for
Annual Meeting of State Grange.

Montpelier, August 24.—A letter from Governor Bell was read by Mayor Corry at a regular meeting of the city council last night, asking for hotel rates and if a suitable hall could be secured for the annual meeting of the State Grange at Montpelier next December. The matter was left with the mayor to investigate and reply to the governor's communication. There is no question about a hall and there is no doubt but satisfactory hotel rates and accommodations can be secured for this annual gathering at the state capital.

WILL USE BETHEL STOCK.

First Attempt in Monumental Work to
Be Made.

Harry J. Bertoli of Montpelier went today to Bethel to secure granite stock for four figures which are to be set up in front of a large bank building which the Woodbury Granite company is erecting in Pittsburg. This is the first time that Bethel granite stock is being used in monumental work, as heretofore it has been considered good only for building purposes. Mr. Bertoli thinks that the Bethel stock can be worked all right for this purpose.

DIED FROM INJURIES.

Little St. Albans Boy Landed on His
Head After Being Struck.

St. Albans, Aug. 24.—Robert, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenyon, of Nason street, who was struck by a north bound train due in this city at 10:47 o'clock yesterday morning and received injuries that resulted in his death at the hospital about 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon. His skull was crushed.

Another Try at English Channel.

Dover, England, August 24.—Three swimmers who started this morning to swim the English Channel were Annette Kellerman, T. W. Burgess and a man from the Isle of Wight named Mew. Miss Kellerman started at 6:30 this morning and swam eight miles when she was forced to give up on account of sea sickness. A fourth swimmer, named Holbien, started in the afternoon.

PATON-WATSON.

Marriage by the Rev. W. A. Kinzie at
8 O'clock Last Evening.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Eastman of Camp street was unexpectedly made the scene for a pretty wedding ceremony last evening. John F. Paton and Miss Mary Jane Watson, the former of East Barre and the latter of Westerville, drove to the residence of the Rev. W. A. Kinzie, across the street from the Eastman residence, to be married, and found that a lawn fete was in progress. The Rev. Mr. Kinzie made arrangements with the Eastmans to open their residence for the ceremony, and the couple were married at 8 o'clock.

The bride looked very pretty in a gown of white muslin. She was attended by her sister, Clara, who was also dressed in white. The groom was attended by his brother, Gordon Paton. Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Paton drove to the residence of the groom's father, where a wedding supper was served. Only the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present. The evening was passed pleasantly until Mr. and Mrs. Paton left to catch the midnight train out of this city. They will be at home to their many friends at East Barre after September 15.

ROBERTSON-BILL.

Popular Clerk in A. P. Abbott & Co's
Store, and Miss Florence Bill.

Miss Florence Bill and James Robertson, Jr., were united in marriage last evening at 8 o'clock at the groom's home on Washington street, the Rev. E. W. Cummings performing the ceremony. It was a very pretty wedding, only the immediate friends and relatives being present. The couple were attended by William Robertson, a brother of the groom, as best man and by Miss Bella Blann as bridesmaid.

The parlors were very prettily decorated with evergreen and flowers, the bride party standing under an arch of evergreen, during the ceremony. A wedding supper was served, and the happy couple left on the midnight train for Montreal. On their return they will reside at 195 Washington street.

The groom is a popular clerk at A. P. Abbott's and the young couple have a large circle of friends who wish them happiness.

EDITOR W. F. SCOTT
A VETERAN PRINTERFormer Barre Resident Today Rounded
Out Half Century of Newspaper
Work—Still Working.

Burlington, August 24.—Fifty years ago today William F. Scott of this city began to stick type in the office of the St. Albans Messenger, St. Albans. Today at the age of sixty-seven he may still be found at the case after a half century of labor, during which he has achieved success as an editor and publisher, as well as a printer.

Mr. Scott was born in Cambridge, September 2, 1839. At the age of seventeen, after a common and high school education, he became an apprentice in the office of the St. Albans Messenger, starting out one morning with his father for the drive of 21 miles from Cambridge to St. Albans. Lester Greene, George Church and Edward Callahan were just completing their apprenticeship when young Scott entered the office. The three have long since corrected their last proof and have gone over to the great beyond.

After working in various offices throughout the state Mr. Scott in 1880 found employment in the office of L. P. Thayer in Montpelier. Soon afterward the Barre Weekly Enterprise was started, and the paper was purchased by Mr. Scott April 16, 1881. For some time it was published in Montpelier, but subsequently was removed to Barre. At that time Barre was a small village; it now has a population of over 10,000.

Mr. Scott found it a hard struggle, but succeeded in putting the paper on a paying basis and continued its publication for 18 years. On account of ill health, he sold the property and removed to Burlington, where he has been employed most of the time in the office of the Sheldon Press.

Mr. Scott is one of the oldest members of the Vermont Press Association, and for a long time was active in the deliberations of that aggressive body of penit pushers.

Mr. Scott has seen the starting of many journals, some of which have died and others of which have been prosperous. He has watched with interest the political history of the state as reflected in the newspapers and he has been associated with many of the prominent men of affairs in Vermont for many years. Most of his long life as printer and editor has been in Vermont, although he has worked at the case in several places outside of the state. His reminiscences of old-time printers and editors are interesting. Mr. Scott does not claim to be the oldest printer in Vermont, but he has probably put in as many days at the case as any man in the state now alive.

He is receiving congratulations today among his acquaintances upon the anniversary.

The Barre friends of Editor Scott will congratulate him on his fiftieth anniversary of newspaper work. Mr. Scott came to Barre when the town was beginning to boom by means of the granite industry and was for many years editor and publisher of the Barre Enterprise, a weekly newspaper. The office building on Elm street, now occupied by the Consolidated Lighting company, was constructed for the Enterprise plant.

Mr. Scott is a frequent visitor to Barre, and is still closely allied with some of the fraternal organizations of the city.

MATCHED FOR
CHAMPIONSHIPEight Men Qualified in Golf
Play Today.

F. A. HOWLAND LOW MAN

Others to Qualify Are L. J. Bailey, T.
C. Peters, R. Davis, G. N. Tilden,
E. D. Field, C. A. Dodge
and John Mercer.

The qualifying round for the championship of the Barre Golf club was completed this afternoon, and the eight men to qualify are as follows: F. A. Howland 81, L. J. Bailey 85, T. C. Peters 86, Richard Davis 87, George N. Tilden 87, E. D. Field 88, C. A. Dodge 88, John Mercer 90.

The others competing were as follows: James Mackay 91, Donald Smith 91, B. R. Bailey 92, Alex. Milne 93, James Reid 94, J. E. Perry 95, L. R. Hutchinson 95.

The drawing for the first round of the championship which will be played late this afternoon, is as follows:

Peters vs. Dodge.
Tilden vs. Davis.
Field vs. Howland.
Bailey vs. Mercer.

The four winners will be matched for the semi-finals Saturday, and the two winners of those matches will play for the championship.

The handicap tournament for a trophy is being played this afternoon also. The lowest gross score of the day will be awarded with a trophy.

OFF FOR EUROPE.

Bart Cross and C. C. Warren Left Mont-
pelier This Morning.

Bart Cross, of the firm of C. H. Cross & Son, of Montpelier and C. C. Warren of Waterbury left the former city at 8:30 o'clock this morning for a European automobile tour. They will run to Boston, and there on Tuesday take the steamer Ivernia for Liverpool, where they will start on their trip of three months, visiting England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Italy and possibly other countries. They will go by easy stages, stopping wherever they feel so inclined.

The trip will be made in an old-fashioned Packard machine, which has been made into a two-seater. It is a 25-horse power machine. A crowd was present on School street this morning to see them off, and a picture of the party was taken.

RUNNING OVER FIRE HOSE.

Is the Charge Made Against Paul King-
ston.

Paul Kingston was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Camp last night on a warrant for alleged violation of a city ordinance in running over a hose at the fire on Berlin street Monday afternoon. He pleaded not guilty and the case was continued until tomorrow.

Bert E. Blair was arrested by Officer Nichols last night on a warrant charging him with breach of the peace. In city court he pleaded not guilty and the case was continued until next Wednesday.

James Rhind was arrested by Officer Nichols this morning. In city court he was charged with breach of peace, to which he pleaded guilty and was fined \$2 with costs of \$7.29, which he paid.

ALL WERE PLEASED.

With Concert at Presbyterian Church
Last Evening.

The concert given by the Presbyterian choir at the church last evening was a decided success. There was a good attendance and everyone was pleased by the excellent work of the choir. The proceeds of the concert will go toward buying new music. The following program was rendered:

Chorus	.....	Presbyterian Choir
Solo	.....	Mr. Jack Robertson
Cornet Solo	.....	Mr. Earl Bemis
Solo	.....	Miss Nellie Johnston
Reading	.....	Miss Agnes Marr
Duet	.....	Miss Phillips and Mr. Sheriffs
Solo	.....	Mr. Sheriffs
Chorus	.....	Presbyterian Choir

AN AUTOMOBILE RIDE.

Added Feature of Lawn Party by St.
Monica's Ladies' Aid

The lawn party given by the Ladies' Aid of St. Monica's church on the church lawn last evening was the most successful one the ladies have ever held. Ice cream and cake were served on the lawn, and an added attraction was the automobile ride around the city. Three autos owned by Messrs. Miles, Prindle and Alderman Burke were kept busy until late in the evening carrying parties around through the city. As an innovation this additional attraction at a lawn party was a decided success.

TOOL SHARPENERS' OFFICERS.

William H. Oliver President for Ensuing
Term.

Tool Sharpeners' Branch No. 2 elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

President	Wm. H. Oliver.
Vice president	Wm. H. Murphy.
Treasurer	P. H. Brown.
Corresponding secretary	James Mutch.
Financial secretary	Milo Bassett.
Auditors	George Barnard, Fred Knapp and Arthur Paradi.